



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1370

January Session, 2001

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING CAREER LADDER PROGRAMS FOR
CRITICAL EMPLOYMENT AREAS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 4-124w of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) There is established an Office of Workforce Competitiveness
4 which shall be within the Office of Policy and Management, for
5 administrative purposes only.

6 (b) The office shall:

7 (1) Be the Governor's principal workforce development policy
8 advisor;

9 (2) Be the liaison between the Governor and any local, state or
10 federal organizations and entities with respect to workforce
11 development matters, including implementation of the Workforce
12 Investment Act of 1998, P.L. 105-220, as from time to time amended;

13 (3) Coordinate the workforce development activities of all state
14 agencies;

15 (4) Coordinate the state's implementation of the federal Workforce
16 Investment Act of 1998, P.L. 105-220, as from time to time amended,
17 and advise and assist the Governor with matters related to said act;

18 (5) Establish methods and procedures to ensure the maximum
19 involvement of members of the public, the legislature and local
20 officials in workforce development matters, including implementation
21 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, P.L. 105-220, as from time to
22 time amended;

23 (6) Subject to the provisions of chapter 67, appoint such officials and
24 other employees as may be necessary for the discharge of the duties of
25 the office;

26 (7) Enter into such contractual agreements, in accordance with
27 established procedures, as may be necessary to carry out the
28 provisions of public act 00-192*; [and]

29 (8) Take any other action necessary to carry out the provisions of
30 public act 00-192*; and

31 (9) Not later than October 1, 2002, and annually thereafter, submit a
32 report, with the assistance of the Labor Department, to the Governor,
33 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
34 cognizance of matters relating to education and economic
35 development and the select committee of the General Assembly having
36 cognizance of matters relating to workforce development specifying a
37 forecasted assessment of workforce shortages in occupations in this
38 state for the succeeding two and five-year periods. The report shall
39 also include recommendations concerning (A) methods to generate a
40 sufficient number of workers to meet identified workforce needs,
41 including, but not limited to, scholarship, school-to-career and
42 internship programs, and (B) methods secondary and higher education
43 and private industry can use to address identified workforce needs.

44 (c) The Office of Workforce Competitiveness may call upon any
45 office, department, board, commission or other agency of the state to
46 supply such reports, information and assistance as may be necessary
47 or appropriate in order to carry out the duties and requirements of the
48 Office for Workforce Competitiveness. Each officer or employee of
49 such office, department, board, commission or other agency of the

50 state is authorized and directed to cooperate with the Office of
51 Workforce Competitiveness and to furnish such reports, information
52 and assistance.

53 Sec. 2. (NEW) Not later than September 1, 2002, the Commissioners
54 of Education and Higher Education, in consultation with the Office of
55 Workforce Competitiveness and the constituent units of the state
56 system of higher education, shall establish career ladder programs for
57 high school students seeking to pursue careers in occupations in this
58 state with projected workforce shortages in the next five years, as
59 forecasted by the Office of Workforce Competitiveness pursuant to
60 section 4-124w of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

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